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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2007 (Paper No. 20070815). Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments to the application and request reconsideration of the rejections of record in view of the following remarks.

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, as well as any other needed extension, and provide the requisite fee herewith. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 50-3840.